



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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On Friday morning, Belleville City Clerk Sherri Scharf swore in two new police officers: full-time officer Chad Adam, who lives in Macomb Township and recently graduated from the police academy, and part-time officer Ashley Rossignol, who spent three years with the Detroit Police Department. After the masked swearing in, in the gazebo at Victory Park, the new officers posed without masks with city officials. Interim City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said everyone should take a deep breath and hold it and take off their masks for a group picture. From left in front are Officer Adam, Police Chief Dave Robinson, and part-time Officer Rossignol. In back, from left, are City Manager Kobylarz, Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte, Councilwoman Kelly Bates, Mayor Kerreen Conley, and Councilman Ken Voigt.

## Driver dead inside burning vehicle after crashing into tree

At about 11:39 p.m. on Monday, the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department responded to the Shell gas station on Rawsonville Road at Martz for the report of a vehicle on fire near the gas pumps.

VB T police arrived and discovered that a single motor vehicle was involved in an

accident where the vehicle struck a tree northeast of the gas station and was on fire.

The VBT fire department arrived, extinguished the fire, and discovered that a person was dead inside the vehicle.

An examination by the VBT Accident Investigation Team found that the

passenger vehicle, traveling eastbound on Martz Road, left the roadway and struck a tree east of Rawsonville Road causing the vehicle to catch fire.

The identification of the driver of the vehicle was unconfirmed as the Independent went to press.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said excessive speed may be a factor in this accident.

The incident remains under investigation and anyone with information is asked to call Lt. Kenneth Floro at (734) 699-8904.

## Motorcyclist dies after collision on Rawsonville in Sumpter Township

A 71-year-old Milan man died at a hospital after his motorcycle was struck by a vehicle exiting the Augusta Woods manufactured home community onto Rawsonville Road at about 11 a.m. Saturday.

Sumpter Township police report their investigation found that the motorcycle was traveling southbound on Rawsonville when the vehicle exiting Augusta Woods failed to yield and struck the bike.

The motorcyclist sustained severe injuries and was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he died.

Sumpter police and fire/rescue responded to the crash, just south of Bemis Road. They were assisted at the scene by units from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, Huron Township Police Department, and Michigan State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit.

This is the second fatal motorcycle crash

in the township within the past five weeks. A 22-year-old man died June 20 after his motorcycle hit a deer on Bemis Road.

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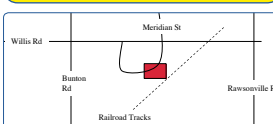
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## Sample Ballots

### OFFICIAL BALLOT Primary Election Tuesday, August 4, 2020

| Partisan Section - Vote Only 1 Party Section                                                 |                                                                                              | Nonpartisan Section                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Democratic Party Section</b>                                                              | <b>Republican Party Section</b>                                                              | <b>Judicial</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Congressional</b>                                                                         | <b>Congressional</b>                                                                         | <b>Judge of Circuit Court<br/>3rd Circuit<br/>Non-Incumbent Position<br/>Vote for not more than 2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>United States Senator</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                     | <b>United States Senator</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                     | <b>Chandra W. Baker</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Gary Peters</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                     | <b>John James</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                      | <b>Deana Beard</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Representative in Congress<br/>12th District</b><br>Vote for not more than 1              | <b>Representative in Congress<br/>12th District</b><br>Vote for not more than 1              | <b>Nicholas John Hathaway</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Solomon Rajput</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  | <b>Jeff Jones</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                      | <b>Shakira Lynn Hawkins</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Debbie Dingell</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  |                                                                                              | <b>Mary Beth Kelly</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                              |                                                                                              | <b>Frank Simone</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Legislative</b>                                                                           | <b>Legislative</b>                                                                           | <b>Judge of District Court<br/>34th District<br/>Incumbent Position<br/>Vote for not more than 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Representative in<br/>State Legislature<br/>21st District</b><br>Vote for not more than 1 | <b>Representative in<br/>State Legislature<br/>21st District</b><br>Vote for not more than 1 | <b>Alexandria Taylor</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Ranjeev Puri</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                    | <b>Jessica Sohoza</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  | <b>Robert P. Coutts</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Ethan Petzold</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                   | <b>Harold Bullock</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  | <b>John R. Day</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                              | <b>James F. Chapman</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                | <b>Lisa Martin</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                              | <b>Laurel Hess</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                     | <b>David M. Parrott</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                              | <b>James Nangle</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                    | <b>Judge of District Court</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>County</b>                                                                                |                                                                                              | <b>Proposal Section</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Prosecuting Attorney</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                      | <b>County</b>                                                                                | <b>County</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Victoria Burton-Harris</b> <input type="radio"/>                                          | <b>Prosecuting Attorney</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                      | <b>Proposition Q<br/>OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Kym L. Worthy</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                   |                                                                                              | To renew the millage authorized in 2009, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2019 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2020 through 2029), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate \$42,129,703 in 2020. |
|                                                                                              | <b>Sheriff</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                                   | <b>Yes</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Charles Corley II</b> <input type="radio"/>                                               |                                                                                              | <b>No</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Benny N. Napoleon</b> <input type="radio"/>                                               |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>T.P. Nykoria</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                    |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| Partisan Section Continued - Vote Only 1 Party Section                   |                                                                          | Proposal Section Continued                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Democratic Party Section</b>                                          | <b>Republican Party Section</b>                                          | <b>County</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>County</b>                                                            | <b>County</b>                                                            | <b>Proposition P<br/>PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Clerk</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                 | <b>Clerk</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                 | To renew the millage authorized in 2016, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the estimated 2020 rollback rate of 0.2459 mills (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2021 through 2025) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriation for parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$10,871,753 in 2021. |
| <b>Cathy M. Garrett</b> <input type="radio"/>                            | <b>Dylan M. Gomula</b> <input type="radio"/>                             | <b>Yes</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                          |                                                                          | <b>No</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                             | <b>Treasurer</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Angelo S. Brown</b> <input type="radio"/>                             | <b>Anthony Wozniak</b> <input type="radio"/>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Beverly Kindle-Walker</b> <input type="radio"/>                       |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Eric R. Sabree</b> <input type="radio"/>                              | <b>Register of Deeds</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                          | <b>Parker Burns</b> <input type="radio"/>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Register of Deeds</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                     |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Ricardo R. Moore</b> <input type="radio"/>                            | <b>County Commissioner<br/>11th District</b><br>Vote for not more than 1 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Bernard J. Youngblood</b> <input type="radio"/>                       |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>County Commissioner<br/>11th District</b><br>Vote for not more than 1 |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>A. Haldous</b> <input type="radio"/>                                  |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>David Hotz</b> <input type="radio"/>                                  |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

### Van Buren Twp. Ballot Only

| Democratic Party Section                         | Republican Party Section                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Township</b>                                  | <b>Clerk</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                             |
| <b>Supervisor</b><br>Vote for not more than 1    | <b>Treasurer</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                         |
| <b>Kevin McNamara</b> <input type="radio"/>      |                                                                      |
|                                                  |                                                                      |
| <b>Clerk</b><br>Vote for not more than 1         | <b>Trustee</b><br>Vote for not more than 4                           |
| <b>Leon Wright</b> <input type="radio"/>         | <b>Cameron Porzondek</b> <input type="radio"/>                       |
|                                                  |                                                                      |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Vote for not more than 1     |                                                                      |
| <b>Sharry A. Budd</b> <input type="radio"/>      |                                                                      |
|                                                  | <b>Delegate</b>                                                      |
| <b>Trustee</b><br>Vote for not more than 4       | <b>Delegate to<br/>County Convention</b><br>Vote for not more than 2 |
| <b>Kevin Martin</b> <input type="radio"/>        |                                                                      |
| <b>Reggie Miller</b> <input type="radio"/>       |                                                                      |
| <b>Walter S. Rochowiak</b> <input type="radio"/> |                                                                      |
| <b>Paul D. White</b> <input type="radio"/>       |                                                                      |
| <b>Donald Boynton, Jr.</b> <input type="radio"/> |                                                                      |
| <b>Sherry A. Frazier</b> <input type="radio"/>   |                                                                      |

### Sumpter Twp. Ballot Only

| Democratic Party Section                                                                     | Republican Party Section                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Township</b>                                                                              | <b>Township</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Supervisor</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                                | <b>Supervisor</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Antoine Jordan</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  | <b>Tim Bowman</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Denise Komora</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>John W. Morgan</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  | <b>Clerk</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Nelson Po</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Clerk</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                                     | <b>Treasurer</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Esther Hurst</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                    | <b>Trustee</b><br>Vote for not more than 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sherry Olds</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                     | <b>Tim Rush</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                                 | <b>Legislative</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>James C. Clark</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  | <b>Representative in<br/>State Legislature<br/>17th District</b><br>Vote for not more than 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Vincent Warren</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  | <b>Joe Bellino, Jr.</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Trustee</b><br>Vote for not more than 4                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sheena Barnes</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                   | <b>Township</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Don LaPorte</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                     | <b>FIRE PROTECTION<br/>MILLAGE RENEWAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Peggy A. Morgan</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                 | Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .98450 mills (\$984.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for fire department protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township fire department, raising an estimated \$365,500.00 in the first year the millage is levied? |
| <b>Ken Myers</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                       | <b>Yes</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Matt Oddy</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                       | <b>No</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Eric Partridge</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Don Swinson</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Legislative</b>                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Representative in<br/>State Legislature<br/>17th District</b><br>Vote for not more than 1 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Christopher Slat</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Scott Cramton</b> <input type="radio"/>                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Next Tuesday's primary election very important

Voters in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 4, will make some final decisions, even though it is called a *primary*.

In Van Buren Township, two Democrat candidates for trustee will be eliminated, since there are six running for four positions. And, since there is just one Republican seeking a trustee position, it is likely the primary selection of Democratic candidates will pretty much be the final selection in November.

All the other candidates for township office in VBT are unopposed. Unless we get some independent candidates filing for the November election, the rest of those in office will slide right back in.

In Sumpter Township, it's anyone's guess about how the primary will whittle down the Democratic candidate list to present to voters in the November General Election. Both VBT and Sumpter have been held tightly by Democrats for many years, so it's unlikely the townships will get upended by Republicans.

In Sumpter, the 87-year-old supervisor has lost his zip, but he could be reelected nonetheless. Those seeking his position are enthusiastic and are reaching out to everyone who will listen. No one running for election in Sumpter is unopposed and the battles are brutal. Signs have been stolen, people threatened, political relationships established and then torn apart. This is only one part of the ballot. Vote Aug. 4.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received an email asking for information on one issue, with a comment regarding the July 19 power outage. The writer said she finally got her power back on Wednesday, July 22.

"I witnessed our transformer blow up on Sunday. No matter how many times I told them this, they ignored me. When they finally came out this afternoon, it took them less than a half hour to fix it. Lame!"

We're sure there are a lot of power stories to tell.

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Last Friday morning, most of the Belleville Police Department was at Victory Park, all wearing masks, to witness the swearing in of two new police officers. One is a full-time officer – Chad Adam – and one a part-time officer – Ashley Rossignol. There were refreshments after the swearing in at the gazebo.

City Council members, the police chief, and the city manager made remarks. Councilman Ken Voigt told them he was a retired Belleville Police Officer and Belleville is a nice town in which to be a police officer. He said, "In Belleville, they wave at you with all their fingers."

Several remarks were made about Belleville being like Mayberry. City Manager Kobylarz added, "And sometimes it's like 'The Shining.'"

Police Chief Dave Robinson said their uniforms have their badges embroidered on their shirts so the ceremonial badges they got that morning wouldn't be pinned on. Robert Woodworth handed his daughter Ashley her ceremonial new badge and Chad Adam's brother, Troy, handed Chad's ceremonial badge to him.

Chief Robinson said that he wanted to



make this a big deal swearing in because it is a big deal to all involved. City Manager Kobylarz told the two to know that, "We've got your backs."

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According to the Wayne County Circuit Court website, the civil case of Sheldon Futernick, d/b/a Holiday West and d/b/a Holiday Woods Mobile Home Park versus Sumpter Township, which was filed Feb. 4, 2019, is still unsettled.

On July 23 the settlement conference on the case was reset to Sept. 24 by the court, with Judge Leslie Kim Smith presiding.

The attorney representing Sumpter is Stacy Jennifer Belisle of McGraw Morris, P.C. of Troy.

Futernick, owner of the two mobile home parks, filed suit against Sumpter saying the township is overbidding his parks for sewer and water service.

The complaint states the township ordinances and resolutions setting sewer and water rates and classifications were designed to single out Futernick's properties and treat them differently than all other properties in the township, including treating them differently than other mobile home parks; they were designed to raise general revenue for the township and not to recoup fees for specific services; and they raise significantly more in revenue for the township than the cost of the service, as applied to Futernick and his Holiday West and Holiday Woods properties.

Futernick said Sumpter continues to

overcharge these properties and to place those overcharges on property tax bills for the properties.

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A woman from Sumpter Township called me last week to tell me what she received tucked in with her absentee ballot. It was an 8 1/2 x 11" sheet of white paper telling her to vote for the incumbents – specifically naming each one plus one newcomer -- and to vote for the Po slate if she wants "chaos, instability and your community flooded with marijuana facilities."

The woman told me she has voted absentee many times over the years and she always received a "virgin" ballot with nothing in it except directions on how to prepare and return the ballot.

She was very upset over this. I suggested she call the county elections bureau, so she did. She told me later they directed her to the State Bureau of Elections which was very interested in her story. The man she talked to asked her to send a copy of the flyer to him and so she did. I asked for a copy, too, and she sent one to me.

Since then, another copy of the same letter was delivered to me. This one was sent to a senior citizen by mail, not in her ballot, but she was very upset, too.

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## Letters

### Save the heritage, keep LaSalle statue in place

To the editor:

I was appalled at a recent *Independent* with a front-page photo of Ms. P. Myles of Ypsilanti proposing to take the statue of LaSalle down at Victory Park.

LaSalle is an important part of our heritage and has nothing to do with racism. Why, then, the misconception of anything historical being arbitrarily assigned to racism? Might this be part of a larger plan to destroy American historical heritage as a whole? Across the nation this plan seems to be pursued by extremists within a certain political party.

I, for one, stand for preservation of our history, heritage, and the U.S. Constitution. In 2016 I chose the slogan "Save the Heritage" when VBT had the Riggs Heritage House destroyed. I was worth 2,714 votes for non-partisan VBT Trustee, as many of you may remember. When 2020 rolled around, the attacks against our heritage have multiplied exponentially, and it is to be noted that VBT are all members of that same political party. I could not have known how important the choice of "Save the Heritage" would become in this election; perhaps that was guidance from On High.

To start, LaSalle was a French explorer who traded with the indigenous people. There was no underlying motive to exterminate them. He improved their situation with trade goods for furs which he sent back to Europe. He had a plan to develop the Great Lakes and Mississippi River and keep it indigenous as long as possible.

His trek down the Huron was one of necessity as the ship Griffin did not show to pick him up on Lake Michigan. The Griffin was presumed lost and has not been found to this day. LaSalle then undertook a perilous overland journey across Lower Michigan until he reached the Huron, made canoes near Pinckney / Whitmore Lake, and canoed the Huron down. Some of his men had taken very sick from the trek across the LP and the canoes gave them the chance to rest.

LaSalle's destination was Detroit. He had a knowledgeable Indian guide with him, who knew all the rivers and trails. Through the advice of his guide, and the condition of his sick men, it was deemed more practical not to take the Great Sauk trail east from Ypsilanti, but continue down to the old Sand trail and take it north/north east up to the Sauk. The trail crossed the Huron here in VBT at several crossings between Bemis and Savage roads. Taking this route avoided the roughest section of the Sauk between Ypsilanti and what is now Inkster / Westland. This trail was used by Chief Pontiac in his journey to the Sacred Island in Orchard lake, and is sometimes called The Pontiac Trail.

This trail was also used in the ante-

bellum period as a conduit of the famous UnderGround Railroad. Ypsilanti was the largest station where it was decided which way the Freedom Seekers would go to Amherstburg in Ontario, Canada. The Huron was the quickest, safest, and best way to get those folks to where they were going, and the mills of Rawsonville, Belleville, and Otisville were in on it. This I believe, and it is an important part of our history and heritage.

Patricia Myles would tear down the statue which opens the door to understanding the history of our mighty Huron, and either she is an enemy operative, or she is something that cannot be fixed -- see Forrest Gump.

As an elected representative, I will bring the forces of legislation to bear upon these rioters and those who would "more peaceably" destroy our history, heritage, and CONSTITUTION. I have also filed for the Library Board to counter the leanings of some on that board, that our history may be available to those who choose of our interested population, and not destroyed by those with political agenda.

Save the Heritage -- Vote Chapman for 21<sup>st</sup> State Rep. and Library Board.

Sincerely,  
James Chapman  
Van Buren Township

### Too many today are trying to erase history

To the editor:

RE: LaSalle

I read both letters in the July 16, 2020 issue of the *Independent* and I feel I must put my two-cents-worth of opinion in the mix.

I was truly impressed with the knowledge I read by Cornell Anton, Jr. and I agree that this statue should be left alone. We have too many people today that are trying to erase our history and that is terrible. History is history and there is no way it should be changed.

It belongs to our past, good or bad, and that is how we learn by our mistakes. Do you honestly think you can change our history to suit yourselves and expect people to swallow such craziness?

There are always a few that go along with your line of thinking, but thank God that most people have more sense.

I would suggest that P.D. Myles avoid Victory Park if that statue bothers that person so much. Even better, avoid Belleville.

M. Gourley  
Belleville

## Birthdays

July 28 -- Janet Schonscheck  
Aug. 2 -- Tina Pyzik  
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## More Letters

### Vote for David Parrott for 34<sup>th</sup> District Court

To the editor:

We support David Parrott for his reelection to the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court.

We have known David for many years and have supported him in past elections.

Because of his 18 years on the bench, David has a great understanding of the law.

Besides his legal knowledge, David has a great commitment to the tri-community area.

As a member of the Belleville Rotary Club Scholarship Committee he has helped select Belleville High School scholars.

His interest in young people is evident in the Hunter Safety program he organizes through the Huron Valley Conservation Association.

Through his involvement in the Charles B. Cozadd Foundation/Belleville Rotary, he helps select worthwhile projects for the community.

We've seen first-hand David's compassion for others when he served as the host of the "Bring Our Boys Home" Civil War project downtown at the monument when the Civil War soldiers were honored in 100-degree temperatures when he held an umbrella over the speakers.

We've watched as David attended many visitations and funerals of residents in his district.

Vote for knowledge and compassion.  
Vote for David Parrott on Aug. 4.

Keith and Ginger Bruder  
Willis

### Let him without sin cast first stone at LaSalle

Respectfully to the Residents of Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter Townships:

What I read in the paper two weeks ago was appalling. It has now come to my hometown! Are you kidding? I would like every person who wants these statues removed to take a deep inner look at themselves.

Jesus said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned to throw the first stone!"  
John 8:7 NLT.

So, you say LaSalle has done some wrong in his life? How about we tear down ALL the statues? There is not one person who doesn't have sin in his or her life except God and Jesus Christ!

I am sick to my stomach, and I mean deep in the pit of my stomach, every time I see a statue being torn down or defaced.

Sorry, but it's heritage and history, like it or not. If it continues, there will be nothing to teach our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren about our country.

Good or bad, it's history. We learn from history! So, I really think we need to stand back and take a long, hard look – first at ourselves, before we throw the first stone!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope I have helped in some small way to fight for this beautiful U.S.A.!

Sincerely,  
"Save LaSalle"  
Anonymous

### VBT, Iron Mountain offer Shred Day Aug. 1 for township residents

Van Buren Township and Iron Mountain will offer a free Shred Day for township residents from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the township hall parking lot at 46425 Tyler Rd.

A maximum of five cartons or medium-size bags of documents per vehicle will be accepted. No three-ring binders of any kind. Page 17 has a list of items accepted.

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## Obituaries



Frank Roosevelt Murphy



**FRANK ROOSEVELT MURPHY**  
(December 31, 1944 – July 26, 2020)  
Frank Roosevelt Murphy, age 75, of Saline, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, July 26, 2020, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, after a three-week battle with COVID-19. He was born December 31, 1944 in Lincoln Park, MI, son of Theodore Roosevelt & Velma (Bowles) Murphy. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines. He retired from General Motors Hydromatic Willow Run Plant after 47 loyal years. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 735. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, MI and was a former member of their Men's Club. Frank loved the outdoors; cutting wood, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed playing cards and loved time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Frank is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Joyce Ann (Crouch) Murphy; three children: Lisa (William) Mueller of Plymouth, MI, Frank (Nicole) Murphy of Saline, MI and Pamela (Mike) Baker of Canton, MI; five grandchildren: Jonathan Baker, Benjamin Baker, Rachel Baker, Sarah Baker and Ronan Murphy; four sisters: Margaret McQuiston of Florida, Lorraine (Jim) Carnes, Arlene (Mark) Rudnick and Sharon (Richard) Sturgis, all of Downriver, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also two brothers Charlie and John Murphy.

Visitation will be 1-6 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2020 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service will begin at 6 p.m. Dr. John N. Grenfell III will officiate. Full Military Honor Guard to follow. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there is a limit of ten (10) people in the building at one time. Masks, scarves or bandannas are required inside the building. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry, or Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4434, both of Belleville, MI, and would be appreciated.

## COVID-19 positive cases in 48111 rise to 515, death rate climbs to 31

After a COVID-19 death rate in the 48111 zip code of 30 since June 22, on July 25 one more death was recorded. Now the coronavirus deaths in the tri-community of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter are at 31.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 515 on Tuesday, July 28, up from 486 the previous Tuesday, July 21.

On Tuesday, July 28, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 291 positive cases, 16 deaths; City of Belleville, 162 positive cases, 14 deaths, and Sumpter Township 62 positive cases, 1 death.

## More Letters

### Vote for John Day for 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge

To the editor;

During times of uncertainty and social unrest, local residents must remain diligent in their efforts to protect and preserve the community in which they live. Everything begins with the local court.

If you are interested in a knowledgeable and experienced candidate, then you need to vote John Day for 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge.

I have known John both personally and professionally for the past 50 years and feel that he would be a positive asset to the court, as well as the community at large. The community that I am referring includes the residents of Belleville, New Boston, Romulus, and Sumpter.

In addition, he has been practicing law for almost 40 years and understands both sides. As judge, John would be able to promote the kind of justice system that all of us expect from our local leaders. He is not politically driven and truly respects the rule of law and lives by its principles.

John Day possesses both integrity and compassion; he seeks truth and justice for all citizens.

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Sincerely,

Carla Cox, retired owner & diagnostician  
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### We need to go up the ladder to get DTE help

To the editor:

I have suggested many times, that the tri-community leaders hold a town hall with DTE about these outages. I would think McNamara would have the clout to pull it off. I see, DTE has declined.

They have had two rate increases a year for about 10 years, and make over a billion dollars a year, for a public utility.

Plymouth, had the same issues and DTE spent millions to fix it at the request of city leaders. Time for this area. Move up the ladder, get state and fed officials involved.  
<https://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/2020/05/19/dte-spends-millions-fix-plymouth-area-power-outage-problems/3121170001/>

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# Letters

## Give me the chance to make positive difference

To the editor and the people of Sumpter Township:

This is my final letter before the Aug. 4 primary election day. I am very grateful for so many people who have helped me and continue to support me. I want to reinforce to the people who are unsure of who to vote for, or do not intend to vote for me: Give me the opportunity to make a noticeable positive difference in your life. I promise to be transparent, truthful, and to listen.

In my previous letter, I explained how my wife was unlawfully arrested and detained for three days wearing nothing but her night robe. This was no arrest, but was a kidnapping abduction from her own home. On this occasion, Robert Young contacted my attorney and offered to settle everything for \$200,000. The same extortion routine they did on me previously in 2015, except they were penalizing an additional \$160,000. The township turned full monster against my wife and me.

Attorney Young was able to freeze our bank accounts, seize our vehicles and our property. The legal power of civil forfeiture was in the process of being reformed, but was still a couple months from being enacted, and that made me much more valuable to them. My attorney gave me confidence that we will win... but much later into the court hearings, he informed me that the township had the right to drag my case along for years if they wanted to. With my hands tied behind my back, my money frozen, I was told my wife and I would starve to death in the streets before we could win our case with them. Until this day, the township still has never fulfilled their entire end of the settlement, not to mention all our valuables that came up missing from my home and never returned to us.

There are many more Sumpter Township residents who have been aggrieved and insulted by the township in a very similar way. The township administration has prosecuted countless members of our community far beyond what is reasonable punishment, and this is something that appears to be an ongoing hot button issue in our country.

Now, I understand much better that it isn't Sumpter's fault, but the people who we have called our leaders for 35+ years now. The people who have been enriching themselves at the cost of taxpayers. I am not the only one who feels they need to be held accountable for what they have done. I do know that I have a very unique position that can bring prosperity to our township and the people.

I will dedicate the last chapter of my life to making Sumpter Township a better place for people to live. For our seniors, firefighters, young adults, children and families. That is the legacy I believe I am

destined to leave for everyone and under God.

Thank you,  
Nelson S. Po  
Sumpter Township

Any comments are appreciated and you can send me a note here: P.O. Box 2293, Belleville, MI 48112, or [NelsonPo8822@gmail.com](mailto:NelsonPo8822@gmail.com).

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- Aug. 15, "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," Willow Metropark
- Aug. 22, "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," Stony Creek Metropark
- Aug. 27, "A League of Their Own," Lake St. Clair Metropark
- Aug. 28, "Frozen 2," Kensington Metropark
- Aug. 29, "Toy Story 4," Willow Metropark



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## Letters

### How John Day got my vote for district court

To the editor:

Re: How John Day got my vote for 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge

Simply put, I did what they taught us in civics, governments, or political science class back in the day. I did my own research instead of counting on my friends or family to inform me on how to vote. There are too many sources force-feeding us on how we should think to satisfy their position and end game. So, I just used the qualified sources I found on the internet.

John Day flat out has more experience in the practice of our laws than any other candidate. Most importantly, he has given so much back to our local communities; these deeds must be noted.

It started with the Meet the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Candidates on YouTube. All were not there, however, those that were present were polled on why they wanted to be our 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge.

All, with the exception of John Day, stated the same thing, "I've always wanted to be a judge."

Well, that stock response didn't impress me on what THEY wanted. I wanted to know what those few were going to do for us!

John Day came right out from the beginning and stated he wanted to fix our local courts. He then began to explain how egregious the process was to just pay or contest a traffic ticket. How it could take upwards to three visits to court and the lost time and pay a person goes through for a simple traffic matter.

Day continues to lay out different ways the courts could be streamlined using modern technology. We have all learned how to conduct business through this pandemic via our phones, laptops, and iPads.

He has the experience (yes, that word again) and knowledge in criminal, civil, probate, municipal, and family law. Remember, this guy graduated with honors from law school at 24 years old. Remarkable! Remember, it isn't where you went to law school, it's how well one did academically.

Just look at his web site and Facebook page. You should verify the information as I did to find the truth.

From his life, accomplishments in law

(which surpasses the lack of comparable experience of the other candidates) to his over 40 years of community service to the 34<sup>th</sup> district, townships, and the City of Belleville as our attorney.

This man has dignity and honor, no red marks on his life as an attorney or private citizen.

He is one of us, we the people. He grew up here.

If you do not know this fact, Day will only be a one-term judge, six years in office. He is not filling our heads with the agenda of others. He wants to fix our broken, antiquated system of how the courts do business. He is not looking for a retirement job of being a sitting judge until re-election. He has his next six years to create a better system with his fellow judges as he has done for us before with his public service. Not looking for re-election, a man with vision for equal, fair and speedy justice for all.

Now, go do your homework and check out who I feel is most qualified.

While you're checking everyone else out, ask yourself why one candidate would have a Facebook chat invitation on their site that states in bold letters, "**No Cream No Sugar.**" Hmmm? Think, people. It's time to wake up and do for the good of all.

Sincerely,

Samuel Zac Jennings, III  
Belleville

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### Sumpter Township needs a drastic change

To the editor:

Sumpter Township needs more than confidence in our current leadership. It needs a drastic change.

Right now, in our community there are reportedly millions of dollars missing from our landfill royalties. The only persons who attend those meetings with the landfill are Attorney Rob Young and Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis. So where are the minutes from these meetings, since only the deputy supervisor attends those with the attorney. There are none.

If you attend a board meeting and have a question to ask, forget it. Comments are all that are allowed. No questions can be asked. Sit there and listen, then leave.

Years ago, before this administration took office, it was easy to attend a meeting and be able to ask board members questions. I know because I used to attend a lot of the meetings and listen to the concerns of our citizens. If you attend now you can forget about knowing anything they are up to.

John Morgan is always in a hurry to get the meetings over. So stop talking and listen up with the little bit of information you might be able to get from the meeting. They should have done better. We deserve to all be treated better.

I agree with Mr. Po, we can do better for the citizens in our community by listening to the people, helping those in need, supporting our fire department, making sure all aspects of the township are looked at, and determining as a body of elected officials how we can do better. We will look for input from citizens, employees, and business owners. How can we do better?

When elections are taking place we will not allow the destroying of ballots as our previous Clerk Esther Hurst allowed to happen in her office during the last election.

I believe Sherry Olds, who is currently running for the township clerk position, will bring back integrity and respect to this position when elected.

We will investigate the illegal spending of township funds.

We will investigate the missing funds of over \$400,000 in the water department, that is in Esther Hurst's office.

We will look for the \$150,000, that is missing from another department, as well.

We must invest in our community as a whole with better youth opportunities. We will focus on looking for grants.

There are many aspects of finance and experience that I have acquired over the years though my education in accounting and engineering. Ford Motor made me feel like I was an asset to my job there for over 45 years. I provided financial reports immediately upon request on all parts purchased around the world and tracking recalls on those parts.

Those who really know me know I love

living in Sumpter Township. I also know there are a lot of wonderful people that live here. I see a lot of them every day working to make this an even better place to live.

I also believe that Sheena Barnes, running for trustee, will represent our community with honesty and give our citizens the respect they deserve. She is organized and intelligent, always listening for ways to help or learn how to help others. She is an asset to our wonderful community.

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Nikki D and the Sisters of Thunder from Toledo performed as the second of five groups on Saturday at the Belleville Blues Drive-In concert on a grassy area behind Belleville High School. The music started at 12:30 p.m. and was topped off at 7:30 p.m. by Little Ed and the Blues Imperials from Chicago. Masks and social distancing were part of the set up and people had room around their vehicles to set up chairs and listen to the music. The concert was presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, which originally had planned to have the concert in downtown Belleville following the grand opening of the new Belleville Area District Library scheduled for July 25. The grand opening has been postponed, but the blues festival went on anyway.

*Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztzman*

## ‘We the People’ set community unity event at Quirk Park

A “We the People” community unity event has been set for 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 1, at Quirk Park behind the township hall in Van Buren Township.

VBT Clerk Leon Wright said it is being put on by the same people who put on the peaceful Unity Walk that started at Meijer on June 12 and went to the VBT police department and back.

Clerk Wright has been invited to speak, along with U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, State Rep. Ronnie Peterson (whose 54<sup>th</sup> District covers Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti and Superior townships), Shawn Fair, an international leadership expert, and others.

Event chairperson is Leah Mills-Chapman, a licensed clinical therapist and educator.

“There is no debate that we are all created equal, but somewhere this reality has been lost along the way,” she said.

“It is no secret that we are living in difficult times due to racial tension and an increase in death within the United States of America,” Mills-Chapman said. “Sadly, many have given in to such negative emotions and behaviors.

“As a mental health professional and agent of change, I care deeply about the positive future of humanity and especially marginalized populations, which include black Americans. So, when I began to see the social unrest in our communities, I wanted to bring a moment of peace, joy, and togetherness within my community,” she said.

She said she has joined with community partners to host a day that highlights the need for unity among the citizens of Van Buren Township. She said there will be social distancing.

For more information, contact Mills-Chapman at: [Ntervene@gmail.com](mailto:Ntervene@gmail.com) or (734) 480-8065.

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# Food trailer in front of Menards approved by VBT planners for 1 yr.

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

A food trailer called Waters Kitchen has been approved as a temporary land use in the parking lot in front of Menards for the next year.

At the regular Zoom meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on July 22, Carolyn Gregory of Superior Township explained her food trailer will be there from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. – be open when Menards is – and she will take the trailer home at night to clean it, stating that she has OCD – obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Her request to the township said she will offer catfish, ribs, wings, French fries, mac and cheese, baked beans, chicken, and water, pop, and slushies.

Gregory said she grew up in Sumpter Township and attended Belleville High School. She is under contract with Menards and is paying them \$600 a month to be there.

She said she will be having six-foot distancing and masks. There will be no seating and people can take their food home to eat.

Building and Planning Director Dan Power said she will occupy six parking spaces and complement the sales at Menards. The kitchen is self-contained and needs no electrical hook up or electrical inspections and no water hook up.

"I do not want anyone sick, or me sick," she said. She explained customers will

come to the window, place an order, and wait in their car or stand and wait until they are served.

She thanked the township staff for helping her get through the paperwork to get approved, "... so I can go make people happy." She said she wanted to start as soon as possible.

A report from the VBT Fire Marshal Dave McNally said she needs fire-suppression system inspections twice a year and she already had one and can have the other one next spring.

Commissioner Donald Boynton asked if VBT shouldn't be named on her insurance policy and Director Power said he would look into that. She said Menards is named.

## CBC announces Taste of Belleville canceled for 2020

Janet Millard, coordinator of the Belleville Central Business Authority, announced July 21 that the CBC is canceling the Taste of Belleville scheduled for Aug. 20.

"We are extremely sad to do this and can only hope that 2021 will let me continue to do our events," Millard said. "On the bright side, the Belleville Farmers' Market is during extremely well. If you haven't had a chance to stop by, certainly do that before the season ends."

The Farmers' Market is held on the Fourth Street Square from 4 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday from June through September. In other years the Farmers Market was held at the same time as the Main Street Car Show, but so far this year the car show has been unable to open.

The Belleville Bridge Walk usually is held before the Taste of Belleville and on Friday Mayor Kerreen Conley said it has yet to be discussed, but if rules are not changed in Lansing, there probably will be no Bridge Walk either. She said the city's decision on that will be officially announced later.



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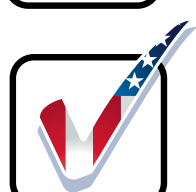
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All the best to Rodney Herald and the Lunch Box as they close their doors for good Saturday, Aug. 1, to make way for new construction by Scott Jones along the fifth block of Main. Herald is finishing updates to his second Lunch Box location on Telegraph Road as he entirely revamped a building there and is putting in new windows this week. The restaurant has

an open ceiling and open floor plan. He's passed his inspections with Wayne County and is moving along. This Lunch Box location was already in the works before the Belleville location was going to close. Herald will be among the tenants there on Main Street in the new project and he hopes to make an announcement soon.

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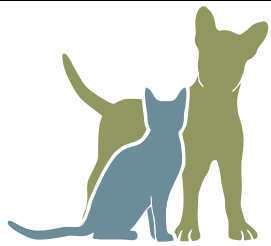
## True Wellness Pharmacy hosting free food distribution on Aug. 1

True Wellness Pharmacy at 10824 Belleville Rd. in Van Buren Township is hosting a free food distribution on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority via Zoom, assistant executive DDA director Lisa Lothringer announced the food giveaway. She said True Wellness will be featured in the August DDA Spotlight by email.

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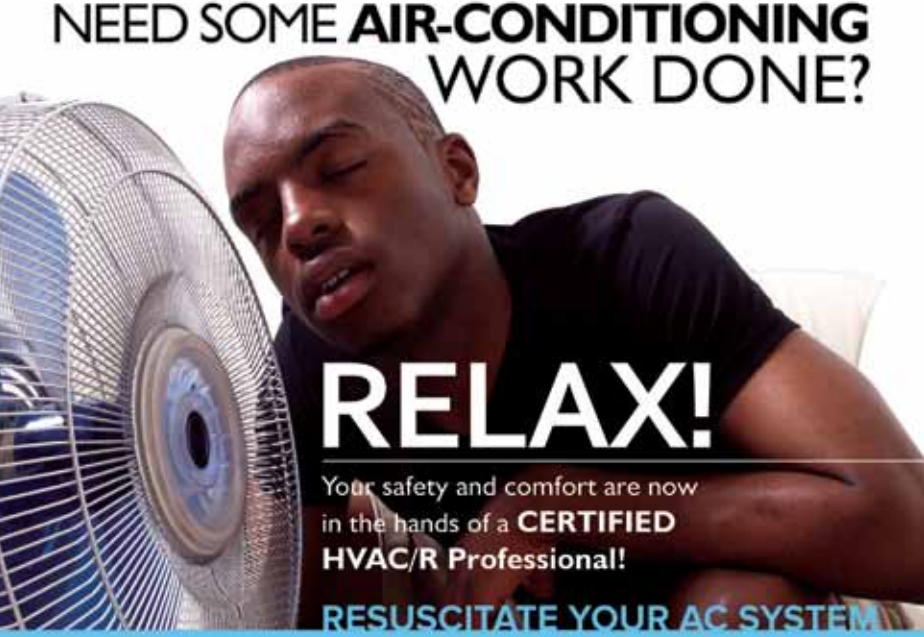
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# District Library Board appoints Tanya Stoudemire to fill seat

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its July 14 virtual RingCentral teleconference meeting, the Belleville Area District Library Board welcomed a new member – Tanya Stoudemire – to fill the vacancy created when Barbara Gates resigned after moving out of the district to tend to her son's health.

Stoudemire was appointed by

board president Sharon Peters and the appointment was approved by the board to fill the vacancy until the general election in November. Stoudemire also will be running for the final two years of Gates' term.

Stoudemire of Van Buren Township is an attorney and Deputy CFO/Budget Director for the City of Detroit. She previously

served as treasurer on the library board but was not reelected in the 2016 election.

"I accept the nomination and am grateful for the nomination," Stoudemire said at the meeting.

"I wish I could see you tonight," said board vice president Mary Jane Dawson, who was attending by cell phone because of technical difficulties. "I'm so glad you accepted."

"I'm glad to be coming back," Stoudemire said.

Board president Sharon Peters said when she talked to Stoudemire, she had to promise she would do cartwheels in her backyard if she accepted the appointment and, "I'm practicing."

"And, I've got 911 on speed dial," Stoudemire joked.

"You had a short vacation," Peters said after the roll-call vote that finalized Stoudemire's placement on the board.

"The library is beautiful," Stoudemire said. "I'm so proud of you."

Joy Cichewicz gave a report from the new library building committee, noting the irrigation system has been installed and the

landscaping on Roys Street installed. The green roof was put in and the old library demolished.

There are some issues with getting the heating correct, she said. The boilers were not set correctly because of an error made by the mechanical engineer. She said they are looking at three different solutions, which includes pulling the boilers out and replacing them with two boilers of the right size.

"Any of the solutions would work," Cichewicz said, adding they are looking at the insurance company to hold the library harmless for changes that need to be made."

She said architect Dan Whisler and the mechanical engineer admitted it was their mistake and they are using their best efforts at what can happen.

"It's a topic for continued discussion on the building committee," chairwoman Peters said.

Board member John Juriga said they would like to get it settled by August, which includes changing the pipes from ½-inch to 2-inch pipe.

"If we wait until October, it could get chilly," Juriga said. "It will take a week to replace."

Cichewicz said one drawing had it correct and when the building was downsized it wasn't right any more.

Juriga said they also are working at getting the retention ponds away from the utility poles that are still in place.

Peters said the first phase of the pole relocation took a long, long time, and once she contacted her friend at DTE it went faster.

"We're hopeful this same approach will work with these poles," Peters said.

In other business at the one-hour-and-19-minute meeting, the board:

- Discussed the proposed design of the donor wall that is to be installed in the inner windows at the entrance to the new building, with the donor panels backed up to the entry. The panels will be on cords running from floor to ceiling. Peters said this design is the most flexible and lets in the most light;

- Heard Cichewicz say there won't be a grand-opening any time soon and Peters agreed they can't do a grand opening the way they planned. The library will open according to stages, Peters said. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said now they can have no more than 25% occupancy, which is 171 in the entire building in different areas, including staff. "We're discouraging groups," Suchy said. "I'm sure there will come a day we can have a grand opening we envisioned, but not until 2021," Peters said. Dawson said a donor celebration could be held sooner than the grand opening. "I have a problem with having a grand opening if everyone is not welcome," Dawson said;

- Heard Dawson say they should make

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## District Library

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asure they have a liquor policy since the Belleville City Council has passed DORA [Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area] and the library is tucked in the middle of the DORA district. "I think we need a policy that says you can't bring liquor in or sit on our benches and drink," Dawson said. "Once you have a cup, you can refill it from your purse," Cichewicz noted. Dawson said they are looking at a Beverage Walk for Winter Fest. She thinks they need to post something on the library. "What if an obviously inebriated person comes in?" Juriga asked, noting he saw Cichewicz run off an inebriated person from her library in Ypsilanti and the man didn't scare her. Peters said they should look to see if any other libraries have policies on this;

- Heard Stoudemire ask if the library is paying for hand sanitizer and paper face masks and Suchy said it was and that the CARES Act could reimburse them;

- Heard Suchy report that curbside service for checking out books and materials has been steadily building and they are currently making between 30 and 40 appointments per day for book pickup. In addition, patrons can use the library's mobile print service and make an appointment to pick up their print-outs curbside. The youth department has made up bags with summer reading program prizes that are available for curbside pick up, as well. Beginning July 8, the library started a soft reopening for limited lobby service by appointment for faxing, scanning, and using the copy machine;

- Heard Suchy also announce that they haven't reopened the Sumpter Township branch yet and the WiFi does not have the best signal outside that building; and

- Heard Peters say these are challenging times and doing meetings over the internet is strained. "We're more a group that likes to hug after the meetings," she said. She said many memories went down with the wrecking ball the day before the meeting, when the old library next door was demolished.

"You can observe a lot just by watching."

— Yogi Berra

## Circuit Court affirms conviction over Sumpter ordinance

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Ronald Barrington Robinson of Sumpter Township was found guilty by a 34<sup>th</sup> District Court jury on Oct. 12, 2018 of violating a Sumpter Township ordinance.

He was ticketed for parking his recreational vehicle on his property at 27325 Martinsville Rd.

On July 6, 2020, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Noah P. Hood signed a 30-page opinion and an order affirming Robinson's conviction.

Robinson had appealed his conviction to circuit court a few weeks after his jury verdict.

Judge Hood said the district judge [David Parrott] did not err in excluding nullification arguments and arguments about possible political motivations at trial.

"Allowing arguments and evidence about possible political motivations would have reentered the entire case on facts and issues that had nothing to do with the parking or storage of a recreational vehicle on the Martinsville Road Property," Judge Hood said.

Judge Hood said the jury found Robinson stored or parked his recreational vehicle at 27325 Martinsville Rd., Sumpter Township; that the property on which the recreational vehicle was parked or stored was a vacant parcel of property within the Township of Sumpter; and the parking or storage of his recreational vehicle was not approved by the zoning administrator.

It took 23 minutes for the jury to make its decision. Robinson filed his claim of appeal on Oct. 31, 2018.

He raised four issues: whether there was sufficient evidence at trial, whether the Sumpter Township ordinance 10.8 is void for vagueness, whether the ordinance violates Robinson's due process rights, and whether district court denied his right to a defense by excluding evidence and arguments related to potential political motivations for the prosecution.

At a hearing on a motion before the trial at district court, Robinson referenced his 2016 campaign for township trustee and his 2018 campaign for treasurer.

"The defense obliquely referenced

'political considerations' involved with the case, but indicated that those were not part of the motion to dismiss," Judge Hood wrote. The defense's motion to dismiss was denied by Judge Parrott.

Judge Hood wrote, "Robinson did not follow the procedure for administrative review and remedies as outlined in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. Rather, his case is before the Court on a direct appeal following Robinson's conviction for noncompliance with Sumpter Township Ordinance 10.8(a).

"Although Robinson met with the Township Planner, Chris Adkin, he did not request a variance, he did not appeal a decision by the Township to the board of zoning appeals, and he did not appeal a decision from the board of zoning appeals to this court.

"Because he has not exhausted his

administrative remedies, any as-applied challenge to the constitutionality of Section 10.8(a) is premature.

"It is unnecessary for the Court to address the merits of an as-applied challenge because it is not ripe for review," Judge Hood wrote.

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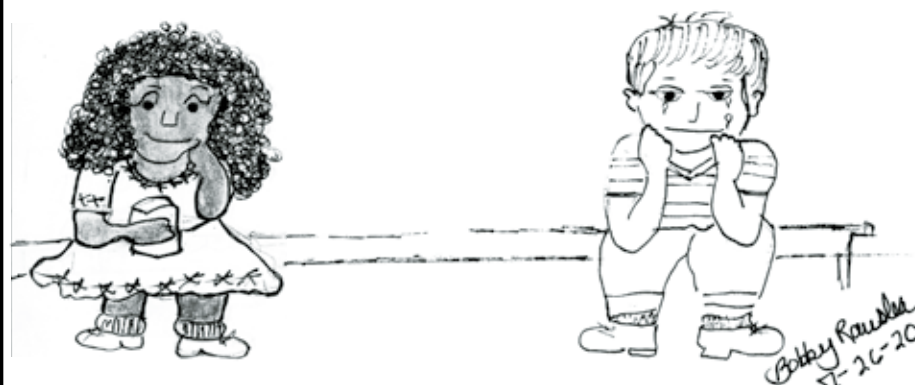
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## More Letters

### My endorsements for Sumpter Twp. election

To the editor:

I am writing in order to present my endorsements for the upcoming Aug. 4

primary election here in Sumpter Township. I choose John Morgan for our Sumpter Township Supervisor, Esther Hurst for our clerk, Vincent Warrant for our treasurer, Don LaPorte for trustee, Matt Oddy for trustee, and Don Swinson for trustee. These officials are on our present township board. Only Mr. Warren is a newcomer who will enhance our present board members with his professional qualifications.

I am now going to quote from our February 2020 *Sumpter Township Newsletter* for the following great accomplishments these past four years.

1. Received an AA- rating on the State Audit 2019
2. Maintained a balanced budget
3. Implemented a \$78,000/year cut in board compensation
4. Received over \$60,000 in police and

fire grant funds

5. Updated street lights to LED saving thousands

6. 52<sup>nd</sup> safest community to live in Michigan

7. Installed ADA automatic door at the township hall

8. Storm Ready certification by National Weather Service, first in Michigan

9. New and updated township web page (under budget)

10. Increased the general fund by \$2,775,000

11. Secured over \$280,000 in community block grants

12. Reduced pension debt over \$160,000

13. Received over \$32,000 in Parks and Recreation grant funds

14. Opened a state-of-the-art Media Center/Library

15. New police body cameras paid for with forfeiture funds

16. Updated control software for the emergency sirens (We have 14 sirens.)

17. NOAA weather alert radios in township buildings

18. Free CPR class to residents paid by local business

19. Two new brush trucks for the fire department (plus now completely new fire truck that was self-funded by the township for the next seven years – as of July 1, 2020)

20. Narcan and opioid training for police/fire paid for by Wayne County

21. Renegotiated security contracts saving thousands of dollars

22. Established a safe zone at the police department for internet transactions and custody exchanges

23. Established an emergency shelter by installing a whole building generator at the community center

24. New cable broadcast system paid for with cable revenues

I include all of these to show the progress that our current township board has accomplished. They have made significant improvements to bring us into the future and may they continue to lead Sumpter Township in all of the future endeavors they have planned.

I also thank all of the essential employees who continued to serve our citizens during this COVID-19 crisis. All of you deserve to be complimented for your care and concern to our residents, especially those who are the most vulnerable to this horrible pandemic. Thank you and my God bless all of you for continuing to make Sumpter -- Country Living at its Finest!

May our township board continue to move forward positively!  
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Sincerely,  
Mary Ban  
Sumpter Township

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## Sumpter Twp. Board holds first regular meeting since March 24

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees met together with masks on for its regular meeting July 14, the first regular meeting held since March 24.

All meetings for April, May, and June were cancelled and all other meetings have been special meetings held in person, with the latest ones requiring masks.

Treasurer Ken Bednark was absent and excused, as he has been since the COVID-19 pandemic started. He said the board refused to hold remote meetings which he could attend.

All the other elected and appointed bodies in the tri-communities have held their regular and special meetings via Zoom or some other virtual program since March.

At the July 14 meeting, Finance Director Michelle Cole O'Connell said on May 5 the board approved duty pay for essential workers through May 15.

She said Chief Eric Luke advised her on July 1 of Senate Bill 6990 which was signed by the governor and would allow for reimbursement of duty and hazard pay for essential workers. In order to be able to apply these reimbursements, Supervisor John Morgan approved the pay extension through May 30.

Total duty pay for May 28 was \$33,239.43

and for June 25 it was \$12,065.39, she said. Total amount the township is currently seeking reimbursement for is \$45,295.80, she said.

The money for reimbursement comes from the state using the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund. It will be released by the Michigan Treasury Department on a first-come, first-served basis. The \$100 million was based on the understanding it would cover hazard premiums of up to \$1,000 for all eligible first responders, according to information sent by a police union.

The board voted unanimously to approve the increase in hazard pay, with Bednark absent.

Trustee/Fire Fighter Don LaPorte, who is getting the hazard pay, abstained from the vote after being reminded he had to do that after the vote was taken. When asked if they had to redo the vote, Clerk Hurst said that wasn't necessary and, "We'll make that happen."

In other business at the July 14 meeting, the board:

- Approved the minutes of six in-person meetings: regular meeting of March 24, budget hearing of March 24, and special meetings of April 2, May 5, June 2, and June 10;

- Approved warrants of \$1,786,902.63, revenue and expenditure report net of May 31 of \$1,004,741.66, and the following check runs: June 10, \$134,236.52; June 24, \$1,373,402.48; June 29, \$56,192.02; and those through July 15;

- Received and filed the following reports, without any oral reporting: attorney, water and sewer, police, building/ordinance, fire, treasurer, and supervisor;

- Approved Wayne County Annual permits for various maintenance, various pavement restoration, and various special events;

- Extended Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk's contract as of July 1 through March 29, 2022 with a raise to \$32,500 a year and also added that he will get \$25 an hour

for attending all township fire department calls/runs (both fire and medical) and for the time spent for fire and medical training outside the regular work hours, with no other fringe benefits;

- Increased Board of Review members' pay from \$9 hourly to \$12 hourly;

- Approved hiring C&S Construction to complete structural repairs to the northeast corner of the police department building at a cost of \$6,100 and approved hiring C&S to complete structural repairs to the police department rear entrance/porch at a cost of \$7,690;

- Approved extending the five-year contract signed in 2017 with Huron Township for dispatch of police and fire, along with prisoner lock-up, at an additional cost of \$9,217 over three years. May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, has 0% increase; July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 has 2.5% increase; and July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 has a 2.5% increase. The most recent cost was \$182,070;

- Approved extending the contract for Water Superintendent Ken Kunka, which expired March 23, until Aug. 1, 2022 and to give him a raise to \$68,000 per year, up from the \$63,003.20 agreed to in 2017. He now gets four weeks of paid vacation, up from three, and, as in the first contract, in lieu of overtime or comp time, he gets five additional days of vacation;

- Approved a private fireworks display for 9:45 p.m., July 25, at 23241 Martinsville Rd., as submitted by Travis Doren of Van Buren Township. In his email to the township, Doren said the event was for Israel Ministry World Without End. Trustee Matthew Oddy added to the motion that they had to coordinate with police and fire for this display for safety reasons. Supervisor John Morgan said they would talk to the church;

- Approved upgrades to Banotai and Graham parks with a \$10,888 grant from

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# Sumpter Twp.

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Wayne County parks millage and an additional payment of \$8,438 from the township;

- Heard Police Chief Luke complain about incorrect information by the local media about the cooling center he opened recently. He said they had a gentleman who stayed two nights and slept on a cot and they gave him money for food. Luke said in the two times they opened the community center as a cooling center and the two times they opened it as a warming center, this man was the first person who took part. Toni Clark asked why they don't put it on the sign in front of the community center and Luke said it was on both the police and fire Facebook pages and social media. "This is how people get information in 2020," Luke said. "Everyone has a cell phone," agreed Clerk Esther Hurst. "Everyone should sign up for Nixle";

- Heard Mary Ban ask about when the road markings will be put on the new surfaces of Sumpter and Willis roads. Supervisor John Morgan said they would call the county to inquire about its plans. She also wanted to know when the library branch would reopen and Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis said they had to follow state guidelines. Ban also asked if the recordings of the meetings are on Comcast as well as the internet and Trustee Tim Rush said they are, but most people go to the internet because the majority aren't getting good Comcast reception. Ban also said she appreciated the financial report given by Michelle Cole [O'Connell] during the workshop and was glad the community center is now open for Bible study. She said she wrote a letter to the *Independent* telling the many positive things about Sumpter. She said some complain about what Sumpter doesn't have, but, "We don't need a recreation center in the country" and if people want those amenities they should live in the city;

- Heard Ken Myers, who is running for trustee on the Democratic ticket, say, "No one had my permission for an endorsement." He said he is running as an individual and if elected he will run as a team member but will not be influenced by anyone;

- Heard Sharon Pokerwinski say its up to Sumpter whether they want to close the beach or not. She said Van Buren Township and Belleville closed their beaches and she contacted the state about Sumpter's beach at Banotai Park. She said she is waiting for word back from the state. "We should close the park if we close the beach," she said; and

- Heard Peggy Morgan ask if there was any update on the Futernick lawsuit and Supervisor Morgan said she can't ask questions and can only make comments. "Now is the time for public comments from the public," Supervisor Morgan said. Peggy Morgan asked Trustee Don Swinson whether he would support having the *Belleville-Area Independent* as newspaper

of record. "I'm not going to answer that," Trustee Swinson replied. "I wasn't here" for the votes. Peggy Morgan said he certainly read the agenda and he knew it was on the agenda. Trustee Rush called out, "Point of order," adding this was not an inquisition. "Stick to comments, please," Supervisor Morgan said.

During the workshop session, Robert Coutts, a candidate for 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge, introduced himself to the board and community. Coutts is also the manager of the Moose Lodge located in Sumpter Township.

## VBT Clerk urges voters to drop their absentee ballots off at township

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

"There is a problem going on with the post office and we are encouraging people to drop off their absentee ballots in the drop box in front of township hall," said Clerk Leon Wright at the July 21 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.

It was held by Zoom because of the coronavirus.

Clerk Wright said his office will get the ballots the same day or the next day.

He said his office will be open Saturday, Aug. 1, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for voters to come in for absentee ballots and to vote, if desired. The primary election is set for Aug. 4.

Clerk Wright said 6,300 ballots were sent out to voters and there are 2,200 ballots in so far. He would like to get the ballots back early.

Wright said other clerks have reported there are a small amount of ballots coming in.

Trustee Paul White said a letter sent to him from Detroit took seven days to get to him. A letter sent from North Carolina took 31 days to be delivered.

In other business at the one-hour-and-54-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the second, and final, reading of Ordinance 07-07-20 (1) to add clarifications to distinguish commercial and residential/non-commercial land uses in the C, Local Business, District with respect to maximum building size and clarify restrictions on dwellings in non-residential zoning districts. This clears up the zoning problems for the Hampton Manor project at the corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads;

- Heard a 57-minute presentation and discussion on the draft 2020 Master Plan and then voted unanimously to send it out to neighboring jurisdictions and utilities for a 63-day review as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 of 2008). Adam Cook, a McKenna planning consultant, presented the 100-page document. After it is reviewed it will come back to the planning commission for a vote and then back to the township board for adoption;

- Approved, on a 6-1 vote, selection

of low bidder Davenport Brothers Construction for the Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Renovation Project for a total cost of \$204,475. The project will put up two tennis courts and four pickleball courts with a divider fence at the corner of Beckley and Denton roads. Trustee White cast the only no vote. He objected to the lease of the property from Harbour Club for only ten years, since the township is spending so much money on renovations to the old tennis courts. Any improvement would go to them. White said a 50-year lease would be better for the township. "Harbour Club can schedule its residents for use of the courts," he said. "What if they want 5-8 p.m., the most popular time?" White said the cost to the township amounts to \$21,000 per year for five to six months of use per year. He said it would be a tremendous advantage to Harbour Club to schedule whatever they want for their own league. Elizabeth Renaud, executive assistant to the Public Services director,

said the courts will be run by the township's Parks and Recreation Department and, "It would be an amicable agreement" with Harbour Club on use of the courts. White still objected to spending township money for a private use, but Trustee Kevin Martin pointed out that Harbour Club residents are Van Buren Township residents. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township wanted a 15-year lease and they would only go with ten years and two, two-year extensions. "They are not sure what is going to happen in the next few years," Supervisor McNamara said;

- Heard Public Service Director Matthew Best say the Iron Belle Trail, which will go by the pickleball courts, is still being worked on, but a lot of the grants are held up. The county is still going to pave the steep part of the trail in Van Buren Park and the Old Denton Road connector bridge with make the second connector to the park. Director Best said Harbour

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JULY 21, 2020

#### ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID 96479642553 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Planning and Economic Development Director Powers, Public Services Director Best and Executive Assistant Renaud, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and maximum audience of thirty-two (32).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:** Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve the amended agenda indicating New Business Item #1 is the second (final) reading of Ordinance 07-07-20(1). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:** White moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Board Meeting Minutes of July 7 2020, Special Board Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020, Prepaid List of July 9, 2020, Prepaid List of July 16, 2020, and the Voucher List of July 21, 2020] Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** Election is August 4, 2020, 6,300 plus ballots issued with roughly 2,200 returned. The Clerk's office will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. to process voter registrations, absentee ballots, and election day duties. Residents are encouraged to return their ballots and utilize the drop box located in front of the Township. The Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Election Day, August 4, 2020 so that staff can focus on the election.

### PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved; Budd seconded to approve the second (final) reading of ordinance 07-07-20 (1) to add clarifications in order to distinguish commercial and residential/ non-commercial land uses in the C local business District with respect to maximum building size and clarify restrictions on dwellings in non-residential zoning districts. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Martin moved; Wright seconded to approve, Resolution 2020-11 to release the Van Buren Charter Township Draft 2020 Master Plan to neighboring jurisdictions and for a 63-day review per the requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 of 2008). An overview of the process was presented by Director Powers and Adam Cook from McKenna and Associates. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Wright moved; Budd seconded to approve the selection of Davenport Brothers Construction for the Outdoor Tennis & Pickleball Renovation Project. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Nays: White. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** The budgetary reports of January, February, March and April 2020 were received by the Board. Copies are available at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

### PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

**BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Board commented on the power outages that occur on a frequent basis throughout the Township and encouraged DTE Energy to keep the public informed on how they are addressing the issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Budd moved; Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Club is working to find a use for the old golf course since it won't be using it for golf. The township's consultant for the Iron Belle Trail has been put in touch with Harbour Club to help. Harbour Club is considering making the old golf course into a major park with a trail system with a hiking trail system and interpretative

signage, improving it as an amenity for residents. It is still in the planning stages, Best said, adding township residents will be able to use it; and

• Discussed the power outage that started the previous Sunday and on the day of the meeting, Tuesday, was continuing. Supervisor McNamara said the generator at township hall "pooped out yesterday and today." He said the generator has been tested every week with loads on it

and, "When we needed it, it wouldn't work." McNamara also said one of three main people at the township got COVID, "We shut down the whole building." Trustee White said DTE can't control the weather and he complimented them for the work they were doing. "I'm really not angry with DTE," McNamara said, "But, I'm really, really, really unhappy with them." Officials were going to look at the possibility to require underground wires

for future construction, including Planning Residential Developments and site condos.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 07-07-20 (1)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 5-2-17(2) AS AMENDED OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF C, LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO CLARIFY BUILDING SIZE LIMITATIONS AND ADD CLARIFICATION TO SECTION 5.117 REGARDING DWELLINGS IN NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.**

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:**

### SECTION 1- ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Pursuant to this Ordinance, the following sections of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended in accordance with the below text upon the effective date of this Amendment:

### Section 3.105 Footnotes to the Table of Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses by District

#### (B) Required Conditions of the C, Local Business District

**(2) Buildings.** Buildings in the Local Business District shall be subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Building for Permitted Uses.** No single use may occupy a building or portion of a building greater than five thousand (5,000) square feet and no building occupied by more than one (1) use may be larger than ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
- (b) Other Buildings.** Building including one (1) or more uses permitted by right and/or permitted after special approval, which are larger in area than those permitted above shall be subject to special land use review and the following provisions:
  - (i) Such building shall be located on a site not less than three (3) acres in area.
  - (ii) No single commercial use may occupy a building or portion of a building greater than ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
  - (iii) No commercial use building occupied by more than one (1) use may be larger than thirty thousand (30,000) square feet.
  - (iv) No main or accessory building shall be situated less than fifty (50) feet from any residential district, or from any property line which abuts a residential district or use.
  - (v) The maximum size of a building used for non-commercial or residential uses shall be dictated by compliance with all applicable ordinance regulations for setbacks, parking, greenbelts and other site design requirements.

### Section 5.117 Dwellings in Non-Residential Districts.

No dwelling unit shall be erected in the M-1 (Light Industrial), M-2 (General Industrial), MT (Industrial Transportation), AP (Airport), O-T (Office Technology), C (Local Business), C-1 (General Business), or C-2 (Extensive Highway Business)

Districts except for the living quarters of a watchman, caretaker or resident manager as specified below or otherwise permitted elsewhere by the Ordinance. Such dwelling units shall be subjected to the requirements of Article 12, Chapter 2, Article 12, Chapter 3, and the following conditions:

(A) Only one (1) dwelling unit shall be located within the principal structure.

(B) Dwelling units shall not exceed a floor area of one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet.

(C) The required parking for the dwelling unit may be incorporated into the general parking for the facility

### SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION 3 - REPEALER

All other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, or Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

### SECTION 4- SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under the Zoning Ordinance, or any act or Ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

### SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

### SECTION 6 - ADOPTION

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren at a meeting duly called and held on the 21 day of July, 2020, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,  
Leon Wright, Clerk

Adopted: July 21, 2020  
Published: July 30, 2020  
Effective: July 30, 2020



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 382 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.*

### Sunday, July 19:

0013 – family trouble, Bak Rd.  
0154 – fireworks, Oak Ln.  
0250 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
0835 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
0857 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.  
1040 – domestic, Brandi Dr.  
1327 – family trouble, Rawsonville Rd.  
1404 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville  
1427 – property damage accident, McBride Ave.  
1433 – traffic offense, Belleville/Van Born  
1459 – road hazard, Haggerty/Metro Park  
1642 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Fay Dr.

1659 – assist other dept., Riggs Rd.  
1758 – personal injury accident, Belleville/E. I-94  
1808 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Faye Dr.

1810 – motorist assist, Haggerty/N. I-94 Service  
2006 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.  
2010 – shooting, Marlowe Ave.  
2138 – 911 welfare check, Montague Ave.  
2239 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
2314 – malicious destruction of property, Denton

### Monday, July 20:

0001 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0259 – abandoned auto, Van Born Rd./Sheldon  
0325 – traffic offense, Hamlin St.  
0451 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0550 – property damage accident, Ecorse/N. I-275  
0735 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
0821 – mental subject, Meadows Cir.  
0837 – abandoned auto, Belleville/Yost  
1013 – animal complaint, Reene Dr.  
1131 – ordinance violation, Reene Dr./Deanna Dr.  
1259 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

1309 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan  
1334 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1351 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1450 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
1529 – harassment call, Wilson Ave.  
1547 – domestic, Outer Dr.  
1632 – road hazard, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1917 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River  
2047 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.  
2113 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.  
2138 – traffic offense, Bog Rd./Hoeft Rd.  
2210 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2257 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.

### Tuesday, July 21:

0032 – suspicious activity report, Denton Rd.  
0709 – disorderly, Outer Dr.  
0745 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse  
1032 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty  
1109 – malicious destruction of property, Harmony Ln.

1208 – animal complaint, Salem Ct.  
1215 – 911 welfare check, Edgedale Dr.  
1833 – private property impound, Reedgrass/Sage  
1855 – fraud, Meadows Cir.  
1944 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2032 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2116 – animal complaint, Stonebridge Dr. / N. Timberview Dr.

2157 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2250 – traffic offense, Jackson St./Hayes St.

### Wednesday, July 22:

0147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.  
0531 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan/Ecorse  
0538 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
0854 – suspicious person/vehicle, UofM on Beck  
0856 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
0902 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.  
1019 – parking complaint, Vista Dr./Laguna Dr.  
1043 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse  
1203 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1514 – harassment call, Florence Ln.  
1613 – felony assault, Rawsonville Rd.  
1658 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.  
1715 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1726 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94

1810 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.  
1839 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1900 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1934 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2007 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
2129 – weapons violation, Sheldon Rd.  
2149 – neighbor trouble, Bog Rd.

### Thursday, July 23:

0000 – noise complaint, Kennedy St.  
0053 – suspicious person/vehicle, America  
0056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.  
0104 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Union  
0155 – harassment call, Daisy Blvd.  
0527 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
0805 – malicious destruction of property, Sadie Ln.  
0859 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
1012 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1043 – parking complaint, Denton rd.  
1111 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1228 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1253 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.  
1420 – suspicious person/vehicle, Camden/Milton  
1445 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River  
1505 – missing person, Quirk Rd.  
1531 – mental subject, Sheldon Rd.  
1648 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1703 – mental subject, Beverly Rd./Sheldon Rd.  
1730 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1831 – noise complaint, Endicott St.  
1856 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1858 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275  
2003 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stratford Dr.  
2035 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
2038 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

2110 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
2127 – suicidal person, Van Buren St.  
2220 – domestic, Stonebridge Ct.  
2300 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
2316 – 911 welfare check, Camden Rd.

### Friday, July 24:

0412 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Walden  
0824 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
0826 – assault & battery, W. Walden Dr.  
0842 – malicious destruction of property, N. Timberview Dr.  
0853 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
0946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.  
0946 – fraud, Cobblestone Creek Dr.  
1015 – ordinance violation, Jeannette Ave.  
1038 – follow up by officer, Michigan Ave.  
1041 – ordinance violation, Colonial Rd.  
1205 – neighbor trouble, Alden Ave.  
1306 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Van Buren St.

1509 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1702 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1807 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1847 – property damage accident, Tompkins St.  
1904 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1022 – assist other dept., Bentley Dr.  
2033 – property damage accident, E. Huron River  
2113 – misc. complaint, Renton Rd.  
2222 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2238 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

### Saturday, July 25:

0105 – family trouble, Peninsular Dr.  
0121 – domestic, Bayshore Dr.  
0325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.  
0737 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.  
0831 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.  
0836 – malicious destruction of property, Harmony Ln.

1104 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1150 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service  
1212 – abandoned auto, W. Huron River Dr.  
1213 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.  
1418 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1436 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1620 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1848 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.  
1854 – lake complaint, Belleville Rd./Belleville Lake  
2055 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.  
2107 – assist other dept., Hull Rd.  
2201 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan  
2301 – domestic, Riggs Rd.

2329 – 911 welfare check, McKinley St.  
Also on this week's log are 164 traffic stops, 115 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, July 19:

0026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park  
0758 – follow up by officer, Victoria Commons  
1011 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian Ln.

1134 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1358 – domestic, Hillside Cemetery  
1428 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.  
1506 – motorist assist, South St.  
1911 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.  
1946 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.  
2119 – disorderly, Main St.

### Monday, July 20:

1640 – disorderly, High St.  
1741 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Clarence St.  
2049 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

### Tuesday, July 21:

0808 – property damage accident, E. Huron River  
1659 – disorderly, E. Columbia Ave.  
2121 – assist other dept., Church St.  
2124 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.

### Wednesday, July 22:

0059 – welfare check, Henry St.  
0136 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.  
0944 – disorderly, Main St.  
1012 – assist citizen, Church St./W. Columbia  
1149 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1353 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Edison  
1423 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.  
1550 – traffic offense, Edison/W. Columbia Ave.  
1600 – disorderly Main St./Fifth St.  
1916 – private property impound, Carmell St.  
2035 – larceny, W. Thornhill Ct.

### Thursday, July 23:

1222 – disorderly, Main St.  
1449 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr.  
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.  
2049 – misc. complaint, Loza Ln.  
2054 – family trouble, Carmell St.  
2103 – traffic stop, Madelon/E. Huron River Dr.  
2158 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park/San Carlos

### Friday, July 24:

0539 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
0910 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1058 – misc. complaint, Main St.  
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.  
1344 – traffic offense, Edison Ave.  
1540 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.  
1756 – follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.  
2218 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.

### Saturday, July 25:

0101 – disorderly, Main St.  
0804 – traffic stop, Main St.  
0817 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0825 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1001 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.  
1144 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./High St.  
1407 – assist fire dept., Bedell St.  
1715 – suspicious person/vehicle, Breakwater Dr.  
1725 – civil matter, Main St.  
1819 – neighbor trouble, Breakwater Dr.

There were seven traffic stops on this log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, July 19:

0201 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
0208 – welfare check, Wear Rd./Sherwood Rd.  
0256 – civil matter, Timberlane Dr.  
1049 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.  
1201 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1342 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.  
1401 – assault, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1414 – traffic complaint, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
1418 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1459 – traffic complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1619 – traffic complaint, Martinsville Rd./Judd  
1848 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

1938 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
2100 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.  
2140 – follow-up investigation, 49000 bl. Willis

### Monday, July 20:

0036 – assault, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0707 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Harris Rd. / Elwell Rd.  
0724 – fire dept. assist, Iowa St.  
0803 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.  
1340 – property damage accident, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.

1414 – alarm, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1421 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.  
1424 – property damage accident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1446 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1451 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1618 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Morton  
2142 – assault, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2237 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.

### Tuesday, July 21:

0345 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1156 – suspicious person, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1233 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1510 – noise complaint, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.  
1546 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1714 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1925 – civil matter, 29000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2126 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

### Wednesday, July 22:

0800 – family trouble, Country Club Blvd.  
1026 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Harris  
1124 – alarm, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1135 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1224 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1423 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Harris  
1505 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.  
1620 – 911 hangup, Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1743 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1918 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2008 – noise complaint, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.  
2354 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Thursday, July 23:

0124 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0416 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1011 – fire dept. assist, 9100 bl. Rawsonville  
1208 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1422 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1940 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville  
2220 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.  
2351 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.  
2356 – personal injury accident, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

### Friday, July 24:

0025 – follow up investigation, Mulberry Dr.  
0034 – 911 hang up, Greenmeadow Dr.  
0610 – fire dept. Assist, Carriage Ln.  
0711 – welfare check, Wayside Dr.  
0910 – neighborhood trouble, 17000 bl. Odyssey  
1245 – suspicious circumstance, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1247 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.  
1259 – citizen assist, Redwood St.  
1354 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1413 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.  
1456 – welfare check, Virginia St.  
1632 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1908 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1955 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2139 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.

### Saturday, July 25:

0217 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Clark  
0734 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1108 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.  
1447 – welfare check, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1640 – suspicious circumstance, 6000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1829 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1850 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1851 – civil matter, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2019 – ORV complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2050 – property damage accident, Clark Rd. / Island Dr.

2258 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
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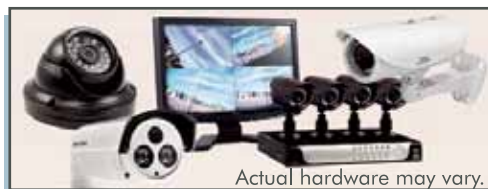
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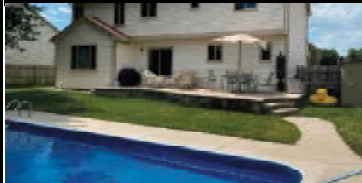
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